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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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1. CENTOSECRETARY GENERAL'S 46 PAGE ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1974 THROUGH
APRIL 1975 (REF A) IS BEING POUCHED MAZ 5. FOLLOWING IS A
SUMMARY OF ITS PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A. THE REPORT SUMMARIZES POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST
YEAR AND REV
EWS THE THREAT TO THE REGIONAL MEMBERS.
CONCERNING THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER, THE REPORT POINTS
OUT THAT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO UNANIMOUS DECISION WITHIN
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REGARDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
PAPER THAT FURTHER DELIBERATIONS OF THE AD HOC POLITICAL
WORKING GROUP ARE HELD UP PENDING AN APPROACH TO THE
PROBLEM AT A HIGHER LEVE. (SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN
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HAS APPROACHED THE TURKISH MILITARY LEADERS TO ACHIEVE A

COMPROMISE OF THE TURKISH POSITION WITH THE OTHER CENTO MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, BUT TO DATE NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.)

B. ON MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND COUNTER SUBVERSION ACTIVITIES, THE REPORT ESSENTIALLY REPEATS THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE COMMITTEES' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

C. UNDER ADMINISTRATION, THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOTES THAT THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS AND PAY OF THE CENTO AUXILIARY STAFF IS UNDER STUDY. (THIS WILL BE A PART OF A BROADER STUDY OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ENTIRE SECRETARIAT STAFF, WHICH IS ONLY NOW REALLY GETTING UNDER WAY.)

D. SUGGESTED NEW INITIATIVES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT INCLUDE INCREASED VISITS WITHIN REGIONAL COUNTRIES BY POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES, A SEMINAR OF THE EDITORS-IN-CHIEF OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES' MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, EXCHANGE VISITS OF F LM TEAMS, SIX-MONTH VISITS BY REGIONAL JOURNALISTS TO THE U.K. AND THE U.S. FOR ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE AND VISITS BY JOURNALISM EXPERTS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES. THE REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS FULLER EXPLOITATION OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES' COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF REGIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE VISITS, VISITS OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN ARCHEOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECTS, ORGANIZING AN EXHIBIT OF ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS AND COORDINATING CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN REGIONAL POETS, PAINTERS AND WRITERS. A BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED BY CENTO CONTAINING WORKS OF CONTEMPORARY REGIONAL POETS AND WRITERS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT STATES THAT FUNDS APPARENTLY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ON A SHARED COST BASIS WITH EACH COUNTRY PROCEEDING AT ITS OWN PACE IN SPONSORING ACTIVITIES. MACOMBER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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